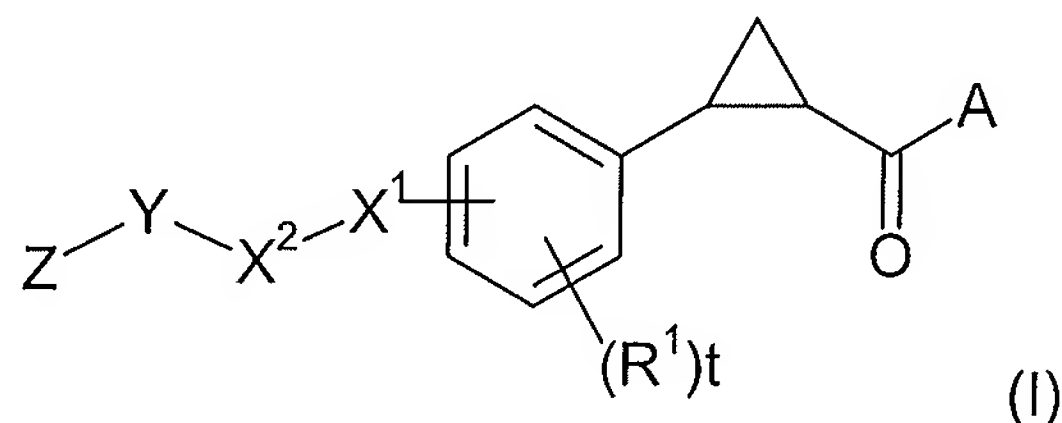


Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I)



including salts, solvates, and pharmaceutically functional derivatives thereof,
wherein

t is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R¹ is alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, nitro, cyano, or -NR⁷R⁸, where each of R⁷
and R⁸ independently are H or alkyl;

A is -OH, OR⁹ where R⁹ is alkyl or aryl, or -NR²R³;

each of R² and R³ independently is H or -(Q¹)ₙ-R⁴;

n is 0, 1 or 2;

Q¹ is alkylene;

each R⁴ independently is alkyl, haloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl,
heterocyclyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, or aryloxy;

X¹ is -NH-;

X² is -C(R⁵)₂-;

each R⁵ independently is H or alkyl;

Y is aryl or heteroaryl;

Z is -(Q²)ₘ-R⁶;

m is 0 or 1;

Q² is -NR⁵-, -O-, -S-, -O(CH₂)ₚ-, or -CH₂-;

p is 1, 2, or 3; and

R⁶ is aryl or heteroaryl.

2. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein X² is -CH₂-.

3. (Original) The compound of claim 2 wherein X¹ is substituted *para* to the depicted cyclopropyl ring.
4. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein t is 0.
5. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein Y is aryl.
6. (Original) The compound of claim 5 wherein Y is phenyl.
7. (Original) The compound of claim 6 wherein said phenyl is unsubstituted or is optionally substituted with C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, or C₁-C₆ haloalkyl.
8. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein Y is heteroaryl
9. (Original) The compound of claim 8 wherein Y is thiazolyl.
10. (Original) The compound of claim 9 wherein said thiazolyl is unsubstituted or is optionally substituted with C₁-C₆ alkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.
11. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein A is -OH.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein Q¹ is unsubstituted alkylene.
15. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein Q¹ is optionally substituted alkylene.
16. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein Z is -O-R⁶.
17. (Original) The compound of claim 16 wherein R⁶ is phenyl.

18. (Original) The compound of claim 17 wherein said phenyl is unsubstituted or is optionally substituted with halogen, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxy.
19. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein Z is -R⁶.
20. (Original) The compound of claim 19 wherein R⁶ is phenyl.
21. (Original) The compound of claim 20 wherein said phenyl is unsubstituted or is optionally substituted with halogen, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxy.
22. (Original) The compound of claim 21 wherein R⁶ is heteroaryl.
23. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein A is -OH, t is 0, X¹ is -NH-, X² is -CH₂-, Y is phenyl, m is 1, Q² is -O-, and R⁶ is phenyl.
24. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein A is -OH, t is 0, X¹ is -NH-, X² is -CH₂-, Y is thiazolyl, m is 0, and R⁶ is phenyl substituted with -CF₃.
25. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from:
Racemic-(trans)-2-[4-({[3-(phenyloxy)phenyl]methyl}ammonium)phenyl]cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(4-biphenyl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Racemic-(trans)-2-[4-({[4-(2-pyridinyl)phenyl]methyl}amino)phenyl]cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)oxy]phenyl}methyl}ammonium]phenyl}-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Racemic-(trans)-2-(4-{[(3-{[4-(methyloxy)phenyl]oxy}phenyl)methyl]ammonium}phenyl)-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(3-(4-chlorophenyl)oxy)phenyl)methyl]ammonium}phenyl}-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-(4-{(3-{4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)phenyl}oxy)phenyl)methyl}ammonium}phenyl)cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(3-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)oxy)phenyl)methyl]ammonium}phenyl}-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-(4-{(3-{3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl}oxy)phenyl)methyl}ammonium}phenyl)cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(3-(4-methylphenyl)oxy)phenyl)methyl]ammonium}phenyl}-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(3-{(phenylmethyl)oxy}phenyl)methyl]ammonium}phenyl}-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-[4-({[4-methyl-2-(phenyloxy)-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]methyl}ammonium)phenyl]cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(4-isopropyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-[4-({[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-furanyl]methyl}amino)phenyl]cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(4-{(phenylmethyl)oxy}phenyl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(2-{(3,4-difluorophenyl)oxy}-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-furanyl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-thienyl)methyl]amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(4-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-furanyl)methyl]amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Racemic-(trans)-2-[4-({3-(phenylmethyl)phenyl)methyl}amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(3-[(4-nitrophenyl)oxy]phenyl)methyl]amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Racemic-(trans)-2-[4-({3-(phenylthio)phenyl)methyl}amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(3-[(4-aminophenyl)oxy]phenyl)methyl]amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
(-)-(Trans)-2-[4-({3-(phenyloxy)phenyl)methyl}amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
(+)-(Trans)-2-{4-[(3-phenoxybenzyl)amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
(+)-(Trans)-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Enantiomerically enriched (trans)-ethyl-2-{4-[(3-[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)oxy]phenyl)methyl]amino]phenyl}-cyclopropanecarboxylate;
(+)-(Trans)-2-{4-[(3-[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)oxy]phenyl)methyl]amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
(-)-(cis)-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Enantiomerically enriched-(trans)-ethyl-2-[2-chloro-4-({3-(phenyloxy)phenyl)methyl}amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylate;
(+)-(Trans)-2-[2-chloro-4-({3-(phenyloxy)phenyl)methyl}amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Enantiomerically enriched-(trans)-ethyl-2-[2,5-difluoro-4-({3-(phenyloxy)phenyl)methyl}amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylate;
(+)-(trans)-2-[2,5-difluoro-4-({3-(phenyloxy)phenyl)methyl}amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;

(+)-(trans)-2-{4-[(3-{3,5-dichlorophenyl}oxy)phenyl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
(+)-(trans)-2-{4-[(3-{3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl}oxy)phenyl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
(+)-(trans)-2-{4-[(3-{4-methylphenyl}oxy)phenyl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;
Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(4-biphenylmethyl)amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(4-pyridinyl)phenyl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}-N-(4-pyridinylmethyl)cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Enantiomerically enriched (trans)-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}-N-(4-pyridinylmethyl)cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Enantiomerically enriched (trans)-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Enantiomerically enriched (trans)-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}-N-[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Enantiomerically enriched (trans)-N-hydroxy-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Enantiomerically enriched (trans)-N-cyclobutyl-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;
(+)-(trans)-N-(1-methylethyl)-2-{4-[(3-(phenyloxy)phenyl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;

Racemic-(trans)-*N*-isopropyl-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Racemic-(trans)-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Racemic-(trans)-2-[4-({3-(phenyloxy)phenyl}methyl)amino]phenyl]-*N*-(4-pyridinylmethyl)cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Racemic-(trans)-*N*-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-{4-[(3-phenoxybenzyl)amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(3-phenoxybenzyl)amino]phenyl}-*N*-[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Racemic-(trans)-*N*-(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)-2-{4-[(3-phenoxybenzyl)amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Racemic-(trans)-2-{4-[(3-phenoxybenzyl)amino]phenyl}-*N*-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Racemic-(trans)-*N*-isopropyl-2-{4-[(4-isopropyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide;
Enantiomerically enriched *N*-isopropyl-2-{4-[(4-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide; and
Enantiomerically enriched *N*-(cyclopropylmethyl)-2-{4-[(3-phenoxybenzyl)amino]phenyl}cyclopropanecarboxamide,
including salts, solvates, and physiologically functional derivatives thereof.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

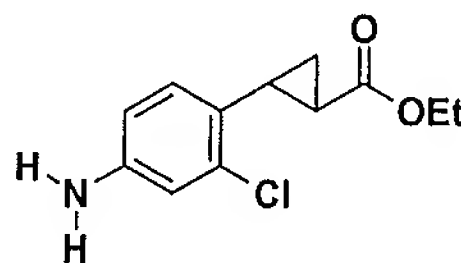
32. (Cancelled)

33. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of conditions or disorders affected by GPR40 comprising the administration of a compound according to claim 1.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33 wherein the condition or disorder is one or more of diabetes, obesity, glucose intolerance, insulin resistance, metabolic syndrome X, hyperlipidemia, hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis, neurodegenerative diseases, and cerebrovascular conditions.

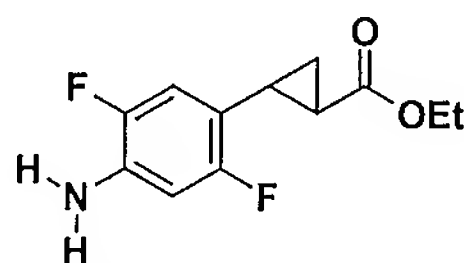
35. (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of enantiomerically enriched-(trans)-ethyl-2-(4-amino-aryl)-cyclopropanecarboxylates comprising: mixing a nitrobenzene compound, a palladium compound, and a tin compound in an appropriate solvent with heating to prepare a styrene product; dissolving said styrene product in an appropriate solvent and adding a mixture of a copper (I) trifluoromethanesulfonate-toluene complex and (2R)-4-tert-Butyl-2-{1-[(4R)-4-tert-butyl-4,5-dihydro-1,3-oxazol-2-yl]-1-methylethyl}-4,5-dihydro-1,3-oxazole and ethyldiazoacetate; and purifying to give enantiomerically enriched cyclopropanecarboxylates.

36. (Withdrawn) A compound of formula III d



formula III d.

37. (Withdrawn) A compound of formula III e



formula III e.